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FIRST SESSION

*Cedar Grove Missionary
Baptist Convention*

CONVENED AT

The Memorial Tabernacle

APRIL 19, 1957

“CONSTITUTION OF THE CEDAR GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST USHERS CONVENTION”

Article I. This convention shall be called the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Ushers Convention.

Article II. The objective shall be to reach the un-reached, bringing about a unified program in co-operation with all ushers in the Cedar Grove Association, extending a hand to our own Memorial Building and help wherever needed.

Article III. This convention shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in the Cedar Grove association, entitled to send two delegates. Also minister who shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying delegate's name, president of board name, number of ushers, name of church, name of secretary, address of secretary, number of deaths, Res., fee, and membership.

Article IV. The officers of this convention shall be president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, corresponding secretary, auditor and nine board of directors, members. The same to be nominated by a committee and elected by the body annually.

Article V. That no person can hold office in this convention unless he is a member of some usher board in good standing and attend his meetings regular.

Article VI. Each usher board shall be represented in the convention annually with \$2.00 res. fee. Usher board association one and two \$5.00. Each good Friday shall be the meeting date, at the memorial building. As long as the convention sees fit.

Article VII. The president shall preside at the meeting of the convention, state and put all questions and announce the votes of the body. The secretary shall record the proceedings of the convention, prepare the printing of the minutes and distribute them among the various usher boards.

Article VIII. The convention shall have power to advise and aid the officers of the usher boards in the accomplishments of the objective specified in Article II.

Article IX. Any Baptist church by sending two delegates to the annual meeting of the body may be admitted into the convention by appearing before the committee on reception and being properly vouched for by the

committee.

Article X. Any usher board wishing to withdraw shall do so by making a written request and by mis-representing two terms in succession until said dues are paid.

Article XI. That the usher convention be represented in the association with \$5.00.

Article XII. The decency of speech must be maintained and personal reflection avoided.

Article XIII. That each usher turn out in usher uniform or badge before he is recognized in the convention.

Article XIV. All money raised by the convention shall be used as convention sees best.

Article XV. That the mission sermon, offering be appreciated to help sick ushers.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Preston Lee
Mrs. Lula Mae Wiley
Mr. Amos Woods
Mr. James Jones
Mr. Willie Boyd
Mr. Earl Terrell
Mr. Hubert Lee
Mr. John A. Wagstaff
Mrs. Esther Lee
Mr. E. B. Smith

M I N U T E S

APRIL 19, 1957

The ushers of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church held their first convention at the Memorial Tabernacle at 9:45 a.m., April 19, 1957. Opening song, Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone, by Sister Phebie Neal. Scripture lesson was found St. Matthew, 27 Chapter, 1 through 9 verses by Sadie Jumper. Prayer by Rev. Abbot. Next song, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms. After a nice devotion Mr. Coy Mills came forward and gave a wonderful welcome address. It was responded to by Rev. King and others. Glory to His Name was sung by Sister Sally A. Lawson. Next was the enrollment of delegates and churches. Then the appointing of the different committees. After which it was time for the Introductory Sermon. Sister Jumper sang I Woke up this Morning with My Mind Stayed on Jesus. Rev. Badgett came forward at this time and read 10 verses

of the 105th division of Psalms. Prayer by Rev. Abbott. Sister Pearl Heardford sang I Shall Know Him. The president made a few remarks, then turned the meeting over to Rev. Badgett. He came forward and made some timely remarks, then turned the service over to Rev. Abbott. Rev. Abbott came forward and took his text from the 6th chapter of Timothy the 12th verse. He used as a subject. The Christian Warfare from this subject he preached a wonderful and heartfelt sermon. Rev. Chestnut prayed a soul stirring prayer. The president sang Savior, Please Do Not Pass Me By. Rev. Badgett made some timely and helpful remarks. Then the president asked the different brothers to lift the offering. Brothers Abbott, Jumper, and Brother Boyd. Rev. Warner asked all the ushers to stand and March to the table, they did. This was very beautiful and attractive. The amount realized was \$26.89. The vice president made some timely remarks. Rev. Warner did the same. The president then called for all visitors. Sister Mary L. Williams from Cherry Stone Association came and was given a hearty welcome by Rev. Love and the group. It was time for the miscellaneous business. It was said that we would have a Constitution, it was to be set up by the next convention. This was left in the hands of the Board of Directors along with some of the pastors. It was motioned and carried that the Board of Directors would be excused for not having the Constitution ready for the first convention. Bless Be the Tie That Binds. Benediction by Rev. Badgett.

Afternoon session. The meeting was reopened at 2:00 o'clock by Sister Jumper and others singing songs of praise. Next was the morning minutes. It was read, received and adopted. After a hymn and a prayer by Brother James Jones, Sister Warner sang Since Jesus Came into My Heart. Then Mr. Artist, principal of the Stony Creek School came forward and sang two selections dedicated to Rev. Warner and the convention. There is a Bouch in Gillard and the Little Wooden Church on the hill. Then the president came at this time with his annual address. After he made some remarks he gave his subject answering the call through service. It was very enjoyable to all. It was responded to by Rev. Warner. The address was received and adopted. At this time it was time for the topic talk given by Mrs. Lula M. Wiley in the absence

of Mr. Frank Abbott. Subject, the Duty of an Usher. It was very inspiring, timely and in its place. It was motioned and carried that the address would be published. It was in the hands of the committee. Then Brothers Chambers, Terrell, Lee and Brother Pennix came to lift the offering, the amount realized was \$18.11. Then the report of the treasurer was called for, it was received and adopted. Then all visitors were recognized, Mr. Artist and others. The report on the election of officers was read. All officers remained, then some for the ensuing year. The report was received and adopted. Next was the committee on reception. We found the following churches were ready to join: Olive Grove, Hight Street, McClainsville, and Sashras Grove. it was received and adopted. Committee on Time and Place; Good Friday 1958 would be the time, place, the Memorial Tabernacle would be the place. This report was adopted. The Committee on the President's Address. It was reported that the address would be printed. The report was adopted. Committee on Appropriations was read. The president \$5.00, vice president \$4.00, secretary \$5.00, assistant secretary \$3.00, corresponding secretary \$3.00, treasurer \$2.00, finance committees \$1.00 each—total \$3.00, yard usher \$4.00, corresponding secretary expenses \$3.40, preachers \$5.00 each. This report was adopted. Committee on Arbitrary was received and adopted. Committee on Sermon Introduction. Sermon, Rev. Otis Chestnut. Rev. oJe King Alternate Mission Sermon. Warner, Rev. Watts, Alternate. Temperance Sermon by Rev. W. E. Mills if we have time for this sermon. The report was adopted. Then it was time for miscellaneous business. It was said that the Ushers Convention would have minutes printed of the meeting and we appointed a committee on the same. It was motioned and carried that Miss Lorine Hairston be the one to bring the Topic Talk for 1958, Sister Melinda Adams be her alternate. It was said that the ushers would march in it. 6:30, dismissed by Rev. Love.

The Evening Session. The ushers marched back into the building at 6:30. The service was opened by singing a hymn—I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry. Then the president read for scripture lesson a part of the 27th Chapter of St. Matthew, 1 through 7 verses. Prayer by Brother Henry Badgett, next song, Take Me Through, Oh

Lord. The minutes of the afternoon session was called for; it was read and adopted. Next was the Committee on Printing of the Minutes. It was received and adopted. Then it was time for the Literary Program; it was enjoyed by all. Mr. Robert Wiley and Brother Coy Mills responded behind the program. The Old Rugged Cross was sung by the group. It was then time for the mission sermon. Rev. Love came forward and gave some great comments on the convention and urged the ushers to keep on keeping on, and do your best on your way. We enjoyed the instructions coming from Rev. Love to the highest. Then he sang Where He Leads Me, I'll follow. The meeting was then turned back to the president. Brother Boyd, Brother Wiley and Brother Hamibutt came to lift the offering, the amount was \$20.15. Bless Be The Tie That Binds was sung and we adjourned. Benediction by Rev. George Love.

Total money raised	\$142.40
Expenses	42.40
Left in treasury	\$100.00

Mrs. E. M. Lee, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

To the vice president, officers, members and friends, the good Lord has blessed us to meet together in this our first annual "Ushers Association."

First may I say that it is a privilege to be able to greet you. I shall attempt to talk to you on the subject—"Answering the Call through Service." I am sure each one of you will agree with me when I say that we as ushers have a big job to do. One of our greatest aims in life should be to answer our calling which is to serve others. We can only serve Jesus as we serve each other. If one is to render effective service for the cause of Christ he must have the power of the Holy Spirit. There must always be an awareness of needs and challenges that surround us.

Often we see and realize the service that can and should be rendered. Are we ready? Too long have we felt that our Master is pleased with anything. He does not want our worst, but our best. There is much work to do, but are we fervently seeking to do a good job for Him?

We must answer the call of service but be prepared. Put on the whole armor of God. You can not lead unless you know the way. Ask yourself these questions as a

personal check on your qualifications as a worker in His "Vineyard". (First) Am I a genuine Christian? It is not enough to be an ordinary Christian. One that seeks diligently to win others to Christ must give their all and all to the task. Unless a soul has really repented and found Jesus through faith he has no testimony to give others. (Second) Do I have a consistent character? One's character is the sum total of exactly what you are and not what people say you are. All of us will agree that an exemplary Christian life is almost irresistible.

There is much thought planning and actual work to be done in this present-day world. The need for service is not only in the field of evangelism but also assistance in the area of helping one maintain his Christian love and loyal devotion to Christ.

As Christian workers of Christ we must never become complacent with our service. We must always remember to! Seek the lost; constrain community Christians without church homes; reclaim the backsliders and encourage the weak and faint-hearted.

Look around you Christian workers and see your task and strive to sow the seed and reap the harvest. If the world is ever conquered for our Lord it will not be by ministers, officers, the great, noble and mighty, but by every member of the church; being a working member; doing his or her work willingly; filling his own sphere; holding his own post and saying to Jesus: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The sense that one is serving a higher life than himself, with a service which will become more and more perfect enables more profound, more humbling, more exalted emotions than anything else in the world can do.

If you cannot be great be willing to serve God in that which is small. If you cannot do great things for Him, cheerfully do the little ones. Consent to serve willingly in whatever you find to do.

So in my conclusion may I say to the members of this grand and noble association.

It isn't the cut of the clothes that you wear

Nor the stuff out of which they are made

Though chosen with taste and fictitious care

It isn't the price that you pay.

It isn't the size of the pile in the bank

Nor the number of acres you own
 It isn't the question of prestige or rank
 Or sinew or muscle or bone.
 It isn't the servants that come at your call
 It isn't the things you possess
 Whether many or little or nothing at all
 It's service that renders success.

Your humble servant,
 Earlie B. Smith

"COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS"

Sis Malinda Adams (Chairman), Mary Hauss, Louie
 Harriston, Kelley Johnson, Alice Pulliam.

President	\$5.00
Vice President	4.00
Secretary	5.00
Asst. Secretary	3.00
Corr. Secretary	3.00
Treasurer ..	2.00
Finance Committee \$1.00 each	3.00
Corr. Secretary Expenses	3.40
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	\$28.40
Yard Usher, W. B. Badgett	2.00
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Total ..	\$30.40

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make
 the following report:

Morning Offering	\$27.13
Afternoon Offering	18.11
Evening Offering	20.15
Churches	75.00
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Total Raised	\$140.00
Expenses	\$42.40
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Total ..	\$97.99

Your Committee,
 Mr. Hubert Lee
 Mr. James Jones
 Mr. C. H. Sanders

COMMITTEE ON TIME & PLACE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to make the following report. We recommend that on Good Friday 1958 will be the time; the place the Memorial Building.

Respectful Committee,
Mrs. Maggie Johnson, Chairman
Vergeline Hamilett
Mr. Solem
Lily Anderson
Cleveland Holloway

COMMITTEE ON SERMONS

We, your Committee on Sermons, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend that Rev. Otis Chestnut preach the Introductory Sermon with Rev. Joe King as alternate.

We recommend that Rev. W. M. Warner preach the Mission sermon with Rev. Watts as alternate.

We recommend that Rev. W. E. Mills preach the sermon on Temperance.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother K. E. Mills, Chairman
Sister Thelma Poteat
Sister Effie Kirby
Sister Shirley Poole
Brother Herman Yancey

"DUTIES OF USHERS"

By Miss Lula Mae Wiley,
New Zion Baptist Church Usher Board

Mr. President, Officers, Ministers and to this grand delegation; members and friends.

I can appreciate your disappointment in not being able to hear Mr. Frank Abbott on this occasion, and I can assure you that I share that disappointment with you. I feel somewhat as I imagine Cornelia Otis Skinner must have felt when Madam Chairman arose for the usual introduction and with engaging frankness said, "Since we cannot afford Admiral Byrd, we are having Cornelia Otis Skinner, at the time the committee was unaware that Mr. Abbott would be away in school." In order to not disappoint you altogether in not having a speaker for the

occasion I consented with Mrs. Abbott to try and fill in. However, I am deeply grateful and honored for this opportunity. I have been wondering how to open this address, and this thought came to me. In order to perform your duty best you need to know your duty. So I think our theme, "The Duties Of An Usher", is an appropriate one. Mr. Webster says and I agree, with him; "an usher is an officer, or servant, note the word servant, whose business it is to introduce strangers, or walk before a person of rank. One who escorts, persons to seats or a forerunner. Board means a table at which a council convened for business or any authorized assembly meeting, for the management of private or public business or trust, both of the words combined give us a double duty. I have tried to prepare this address from the usher's manual, which shows some of the opportunities, obligations, pitfalls and rewards of the church usher. For most of the 245,000 churches in this country the week builds us to the Sunday morning services. Does the preacher waiting in the pulpit seem a little anxious? Most of them do. He knows that if he receives the undisturbed attention of a properly prepared audience. His preaching and the other features of the service will be most effective. In this, the usher is important. They can see that the message is received in the proper atmosphere. They can see that it is not lost on the way by some distraction, as is committed by an otherwise excellent usher, I know about. Before the benediction is finished this usher has his overcoat on and is opening doors. An usher can make helpful reports to the minister such as persons who wish to become identified with the church, makes note of who brought the flowers, etc. For the usher opportunity is knocking all the time. To have a good successful church you must have good auxiliaries and we cannot overlook the usher board as one good church auxiliary. Let's move that one must be present to be an excellent usher. There are certain qualifications, the first is to possess wisdom.

Wisdom consists of choice of proper ends and proper means to accomplish them. The two must be united. Wisdom consists of harmonizing law and justice, consequently the usher has to be wise to the extent that they make it comfortable for all visitors as well as members of the church. In ushering we need wisdom, skill and virtue. Wis-

dom is knowing what to do. Skill is knowing how to do, and virtue is doing it, which is the most important of the three. This is where we get our main objective and that is to reach the unreached. Wisdom for the usher encounters the ability of each member to be able to serve with a smile and walk humbly with God. Another qualification of an usher is to feel complimented and honored at being invited to serve on the usher board. It takes character and personality. The preacher and head ushers do not even consider one for an usher unless he is a Christian of good personality and good standing in the community.

Allow me to stress more deeply on character. Anyone in any public walk of life or for the unbuilding of God's kingdom must possess character. They must know the value of good morals. They must be willing to sacrifice some of the wordly pleasures for the exemption of character. If a person is going to lead he must have religion to be on the usher board. You ushers know of so many things that come up that you have to know how to handle. Such as sending babies out to cars, etc. Being on the usher board doesn't mean to walk up and down the aisle and look pretty but the service you render. The usher must never lose the human touch or the desire to help. An usher is somewhat like a nurse. They must love to serve and be ready to serve at all times. When you are unable to serve you should notify the head usher two days before the time so you can be replaced. A good usher does not come up with a lot of excuses. You know the excuses you give, my uniform is dirty, etc. You who are not ready and willing to serve, you are a stumbling block in someone else's path and should give up the uniform and badge because surely there is someone in your church who doesn't mind serving. I have been to funerals, also churches were it works one usher down.

Ushers usually are appointed by the chairman of ushers or head usher, working with the minister. The staff may number eight to a dozen. Where there is a Junior Sunday board, have different ones to serve on different Sundays or occasions. We mentioned in one of our meetings about having a first aid system for ushers in our

churches, which is an excellent idea. In some of our large cities the ushers have something to cope with any emergency that might exist. For instance if someone has an attack of coughing and the usher will hand him a cough drop. Of course this may not work. If any two little boys are in church, or if someone faints the aisle should be kept empty at all times, the usher board consists of a president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and chairman of the sick committee. The chairman has full responsibility of the board and all church serves to be covered by ushers. The board should have authority to elect, drop and discipline members and not any other body, even trustees and deacons, should interfere. The chairman is directly responsible to the minister and church board. Annual dues may be assessed from members to cover expenses. The chairman at the beginning of each season assigns one member as captain of an aisle and as many additional men to properly handle each aisle or location.

Monthly meetings are essential for proper functioning of the board of ushers. The chairman should be elected at an annual meeting to serve for one year. But not reelected for more than three terms in succession. The staff must provide for replacement in event of illness or other emergencies. An usher is supposed to dress plain and simple. Some churches use dark suits for men or striped trousers and dark coats. Ladies from April until September, may wear white. Winter months dark, and white cuffs. No iron clad law has been laid down as to the type of uniform. It is up to that particular usher board. The main thing is to be dressed alike. The uniform should be made by the same factory, or person for fit as well as style. Some use the badge, others the arm piece. But dress alike as not to distract attraction. I don't particularly care for these white stockings but in order to not appear different from my other ushers, I wear them. No fancy bracelets, earrings, makeup, etc. An usher dressed conservatively is ready to greet the worshippers. He must be aware of facial expressions. You should meet the public with a smile and not laugh and talk in the doorway. A good usher knows where the regular attending members sit, and should ask visitors. An usher will not lean against walls

or pews, will not talk or whisper hoarsely with other ushers. You are not to show favoritism. Greeting a friend, "How are tricks today." A usher will not be all over the place, but will stay at his post. I have often been at churches and wondered what in the world ushers would be parading up and down the aisle, when they are not seating people. Ushers pass out bulletins. On the way back the usher notes vacant seats. There is no situation more awkward than a group of worshippers standing in the aisle while the usher looks for the seats, he thought were there. The presence of celebrities should be made known to the head usher. If someone has to make a train or leave the service early for any reason he should notify the usher when he comes in and the usher will come down and tell them, when it's time to leave. The usher has many things to do. He should see to it small children do not go in and out the door all during service for no reason at all. He looks out for friends who wish to sit with friends. Watches temperatures, lights should keep a firm grip but not to close an eye on the collection plate. No attempt should be made to make change while passing the plate but to bring it later. They should be in step together taking the offering to the table. No one is to be ushered down the aisle during the doxology, invocation and responses, scripture reading, prayer or at any other time when the minister is speaking. If they are in the aisle at such a time they should be seated quickly at a nearby pew. Ministers like to have the front seats filled first. Drunks who wander in are given a seat in the back with an usher to sit beside them. If the church turns them out, where will they go? Church ushering is a non profit job in one sense. It does pay handsome in other ways. The scripture says go into my vineyard and work and whatsoever is due you I'll pay. An usher is to walk softly. One wise old churchman put it, blessed is the church usher who is called of God and whose shoes do not squeak. The usher like all the other workers of the church will do well to ponder the instruction of the apostle Paul who wrote, I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthily of the vocation where with ye are called. An usher should avoid the word stranger like the small pox. He should say visitor. The first duty of an usher is to be on time. Arrive 30 minutes before the service starts,

for the head usher and 15 to 20 minutes for the others. If you be late who can you usher in. Ushers should hand in to the pastor all notices that arrive late. No unnecessary conversations are indulged in. Of course, grownups know better so this merely means children. Ushers may assist at funerals, weddings or wherever needed. The duty of an usher requires much standing and walking. Those who are unable to do so should not become a member of this auxiliary. Ushers should meet the public with a hint of a graceful bow, with the mere gesture of a hand. They should become the person on, turn at once and lead the person to a convenient seat. It would not be out of place to inquire of the person the part or division of the house that they prefer to sit in. Proceed down the aisle, indicate with right hand or left the seat. When a program is being rendered or someone speaking or singing the ushers should ask those who enter to remain at the entrance until the person appearing on the program has finished his or her number.

When the audience is gathering all ushers should remain standing at their appointed places in the church. When the service has begun, ushers may stand at certain lengths of time at their designated places. Then others who have been seated during the time these were standing may release them. Thus no group is left standing, during the entire service. The usher arises only when someone is to be seated. Then take his seat. People who are well known, active, with good disposition that enables them to be considered good mixtures, should be considered in the making of an usher board.

I guess you have noticed that in speaking of an usher I have always said he. Well only until 1922 did women start ushering. A few men were ushering at the time, but the first usher board we have here in the Cedar Grove Association for women was organized in 1922. At the new Zion Baptist Church, Milton, N. C., under the leadership of the late Reverend G. T. Harris. President Mrs. Mary Harris, Secretary Mrs. Hattie Hazel, both of whom are still serving.

There are also persons who get up dramatically and walk out. The next time they appear they are given a rear seat. After once seating a visitor (except in the last four rows) it is a fixed rule not to move them. Ushers are to

set an example. When conversation is necessary it should be limited to a very few words and in a low tone. Ushers are to be careful not to touch people when seating them or when conducting them down an aisle. Indicate sitting with a nod of the head or with the hand in as inconspicuous a manner as possible.

After service the usher may inquire about absent members of the family. Of course the usher must be well groomed. He must take that pencil or fountain pen out of his breast pocket. There must be no emanation of tobacco, perfume or onions. Bankers often make good ushers. They know how to greet people pleasantly without over doing it and at the same time preserve dignity. Ushers should not be excessively tall or short, or excessively anything. Church ushering is the art of making visitors and members feel comfortably at home and lending spiritual dignity to the whole church service. The usher will answer questions without fumbling for the bulletin. He will present a copy of the bulletin not at the door, but when the person is seated. Remember ushers to keep that smile on your face even when the person you are ushering down the aisle isn't following you but has dropped off at a nearby pew. If elderly or infirm persons need help it is to be given in a way that will draw as little attention as possible, and without their realizing they are being helped.

When I think of an usher my mind always runs back to the 84th Psalm, where David is offering a prayer to dwell therein, in the midst of all the routines living. David cried, "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand, I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness, For the Lord of Hosts is a sun, and shield, the Lord will give grace and glory no good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly. Oh Lord of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." A good motto to remember would be "service and loyalty". Andrew who reported the law with five barley loaves and two small fish at the feeding of the five thousand. John 6:89 and Phillip to whom came the Greeks saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. John 12, 20-22 are cases in point. Andrew must have been the head usher because Phillip took the Greeks to him. Andrew was wise, when he went to see Jesus he took Peter with him. The honest head usher will not want to claim all the attention and credit

for himself, he will want to share it with others. Other scriptural indications of ushering could be named. For ushering is an ancient and valuable art. It adds much to the service in the house of the Lord.

Also, ushers, our main point is to know your duty and hold your place. I have often been to funerals where the morticians can't perform their duty because the usher has taken over. An usher can make friends for the church. Sometimes after many years of service an usher becomes cantankerous and has to be benched. That usually takes care of itself. By the time the spirit reaches that point the legs have given out too. The wise head usher prepares for emergencies if someone faints. A convenient usher with help often can get the victim out with no interruptions to and little distractions from the service. Ushers we implore your continued co-operations in the work that lies ahead in this usher board convention. Let us remember "In unity there is strength." The race was not given to the swift or to the strong but to those who hold out and prove faithful until the end."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Lula Mae Wiley

PROGRAM—USHER CONVENTION
—OF THE—
CEDAR GROVE ASSOCIATION
—AT THE—
MEMORIAL BUILDING

9:30-10:00—Devotion
10:00-10:15—Welcome Address
10:15-10:45—Enrollment of Delegates
10:45-11:15—Appointing Committees
11:15-12:15—Introductory Sermon
12:15-12:30—Offering
12:30-12:45—Introducing Visitors
12:45- 1:00—Miscellaneous
1:00- 2:00—Lunch Hour

AFTERNOON

2:00- 2:30—Devotion
2:30- 2:45—Reading and Approving Minutes
2:45- 3:00—Talk on Duty of Ushers

SECOND SESSION

Cedar Grove
Missionary Baptist
Usher's Convention

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1958**

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Mr. Hubert Lea	Route 1, Box 4, Leasburg, N. C.
Mr. Charlie Abbott	Route 5, Box 28, Reidsville, N. C.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:30-10:00—Devotion.
- 10:00-10:15—Welcome Address and Response.
- 10:15-10:45—Enrollment of Delegates.
- 10:45-11:15—Appointing of Committees
- 11:15-12:00—Introducing Sermon.
- 12:00-12:15—Offering.
- 12:15-12:30—Introduction of Visitors.
- 12:30-12:45—Miscellaneous.
- 12:45—Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:45—Reassemble.
- 1:45- 2:00—Devotional Exercises.
- 2:00- 2:10—Reading and Approving Minutes.
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Sister Bessie Mil
Sister Jennie Gilreath
Sister Keley Johnson
Sister Beatrice Williams
Sister Bertha Perkins

COMMITTEE ON SERMONS

We, your Committee, wish to make the following recommendations. We recommend for Introductory Sermon: Rev. S. E. Woods; alternate, Rev. J. C. Brown. Temperance Sermon, Rev. G. H. Badgett; alternate, Rev. C. P. Lowe. Mission Sermon, Rev. H. G. McGhee; alternate, Rev. H. Gwynn.

Respectfully submitted
Sister Lula M. Wiley
Sister Erma Artist
Sister Alice Pulliam
Sister Elizabeth Pulliam
Sister Lelian Stamp
Sister Victory Harriston

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

After looking over the field we find that Sister Mary Luster, from Mill Hill, has been called to final rest. We recommend that the deceased's funeral be preached in this setting.

Respectfully submitted
Sister Kattie Bowe
Brother Joe William
Sister Annie Russell
Sister Thelma Cobb
Sister Elizebeth Broomex
Sister Isbelie Long
Sister Virginia Hampton

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

We, your Committee on President's Address recommend that it be printed in the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Dett Williamson
Kennis Johnson
Brother Phillip Blackwell
Sister Lucy Hamlet
Sister Pauline Vinson

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

President, Bro. E. B. Smith; Vice President, Sis. Sadie Juniper; Secretary, Sis. Juanita Bigelow; Assist. Sec., Sis. Ester Lee; Cor. Sec., Sis. Mary Paylor; treas., Bro. K. E. Mills.

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Brother Robert Steward
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Sister Gladys Tucker
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Sister Juanita Bigelow
Sister Lucille Martin

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend that on Good Friday, 1959 will be the time, the Memorial Building be the place.

Respectfully submitted
Brother Preston Lea
Sister Lily Anderson
Sister Sarah Watt
Sister Robertia Blackstock
Sister Louise Graves

COMMITTEE ON SICK

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Sick is Sister Melinda Adams, Bold Spring; Sister Willie Mae McKey, Zion Level; Sister Gladys Parker, Warren Chapel.

Respectfully submitted
Sister Maggie Johnson
Sister Jessie M. Blackstock
Sister Mildred Smith
Sister Annie Finch
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FINANCE REPORT

Collected from Delegates	\$ 76.00
Morning Offering	25.00
Afternoon Offering	19.35
Evening Offering	20.00
Total	<hr/> \$140.42

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We, the Board of Directors, offer the following recommendations:

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3. That the funeral of the deceased ushers be preached in this Convention; if not, that it be worked in and be preached in the next Convention.
4. That each Usher Board some time within the next twelve months have a special service and the money be turned to the Convention on its next setting, to strengthen the treasury, and be used as best the Convention sees it.
5. That each Church represented with \$2.00.

Respectfully submitted
The Board of Directors
Bro. Preston Lea, Chairman

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

SUBJECT—"AN OBEDIENT USHER"

Madam Vice President, Officers, delegates, members and friends, I thank God for this great blessing and privilege to meet you in our Second Usher Convention. It is indeed a great privilege to act as your humble president. With your help I feel stronger this year than last. I am very much elated over this great honor that has been bestowed upon me these few months as your humble servant. I shall do all in my power by the help of the Lord not to destroy your trust.

Since our objective is helping to reach the unreached, this thought came to me as a subject, "An Obedient Usher." We have often heard these words spoken: Obedience is better than sacrifice." As we enter our subject today may we ask ourselves a question: Are we obeying that silent partner that walks with us every moment of our lives. The law of duty is supreme. It claims authority over reason and talents. Ushers let us get on our job and do well. Since our ushers convention has been organized we are being watched more carefully. More is expected of us. We know our duties and are expected to perform them.

One main point is to be on time at each service your church may have one. It admits no rival, no abatement of its high demands; enters into no compromise with any opposing power. The voice of our duty is the voice of God in Soul. Repent, turn yourselves from all your transgressions, so iniquity shall not be your ruin, Ezekiel 18:30. We have heard that beautiful saying—the most beautiful things in the universe are the starry heavens above our heads and the sentiments of duty in the human soul. A person whose life and action are governed by a sense of duty is sure to occupy a commanding position in the esteem of others.

We may be retiring or modest, but there is in us what commands respect, what enforces esteem. The sun is no truer to his course than we are to ours. We are as reli-

able as the everlasting rock. Every day finds us the same beautiful, steady moral firmness. We have but to know our duty to be ready to engage in it. We bless without effort. We teach sentiment of duty and honesty in every act of our lives. We ought to strive to live such a life, and thereby bless the world. Keep me as the apple of the eye. Hide me under the shadow of thy wing, Psalm 17:8; and now, my dear ushers, let us do our work and do it with all our might, and at all times as the scripture has said—study to show ourselves a soul workman unto God, who need not be ashamed.

We ought to consider the duty to which we are called each day as the work that God has given us to do. To apply ourselves to it in a manner worthy of His glory. That is, to say, with exactness and in peace, we must neglect nothing! We must be violent about nothing. Ushers, we must do our work as if it was a divine calling. Each of us has a sphere of power of influence. As possibilities, God expects us to use it this day for the advancement of His kingdom here among men. Ushers we must be obedient to the will of God, we must dedicate our lives to the great task of helping others to become Christians. God is depending upon us to do this job with joy and willingness to obey him. In my closing words I still say it has been a pleasure to work with you these few months. I ask God's blessings upon you always. I do humbly ask of you your prayers that I will keep on keeping on.

Yours In Christ
E. B. Smith

RECOMMENDATIONS

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2—That since the good Lord has blessed us to set up this usher convention I recommend that each usher board will represent with the sum of \$3.00 instead \$2.00.

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Allens Chapels—Lizabeth Pulliam	\$2.00
Blue Stone—Bessie Mills, Joe Williams	2.00
Bold Spring—Annie Finch	2.00
Blackwell—Mary Bushmal	2.00
Groomes—Odessa Watt, Lucell Whoper	2.00
Gwynes Chapel—D. M. Williamson	2.00
Hammer—Annie Lipscomb, Bessie	2.00
Hyro Zion—Mildred Smith	2.00
Mill Hill—Alice McCain, Beverly Scott	2.00
Mineral Spring—Hermon Yancey, Audry Gwynn	2.00
Mt. Zion—Maggie Hall	2.00
Morning Star—Bertha Perkins, Victoria Jones	2.00
Mt. Herman—Gennie Gilwen	2.00
Mt. Olive—	2.00
New Ephesus—Betty Mims	2.00
New Zion—Lula Wiley, Mary Harris	2.00
Olive Hill—Effie O'Bryant, Estell Pullion	2.00
Oliver Grove—Maggie Johnson	2.00
Providence—Catherine Poteat	2.00
Rocky Ridge—Ada Thomas	2.00
Sunny Home—Erma G. Artist	2.00
Spring Grove—Lily Anderson, Pearl Headford	2.00
St. James—Lawson	2.00
Sweet Gum—Juanita Bigelow, Kimber	2.00
Sassafrass Grove—Clive Halloway	2.00
Shiloah—Cora Simpson, Lillian Stamps	2.00
Warren's Chapel—Luease Groves, Riley Jacobs	2.00
Yanceyville—Katie Bowe	2.00
Zion Level—Ivey Hamilett	2.00
Association 1—Lily Anderson, Margie Groves ..	5.00
Association 2—Alice Pulliam	5.00
Jeffers Cross—Preston Lee	2.00
Hi Street—C. A. Saylor	2.00
Morgantown—Pauline Vension, Thomas Miles	2.00
Red Hill—	2.00
Manle Grove—Leroy Wagstaff	2.00
McClainsville—Jeremiah Hedrick	2.00

STATISTICAL SHEET

	Deaths	Offs.	New Mems.	Deaths
Morgan Town	8	0	0	0
Sweet Gum	25	3	3	0
Jefferies Cross	12	2	0	0
Zion Level	8	2	0	0
Mill Hill	16	2	0	1
Sassafras Grove	7	4	0	0
Gwyns Chapel	10	2	0	0
New Zion	6	4	0	0
Blue Stone	0	3	0	0
Old Mt. Zion	10	0	0	0
Allens Chapel	14	0	0	0
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Sunny Home	8	3	2	0
Cedar Groves Usher Assn.	144	0	0	0
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Maple Grove	12	0	0	0
Olive Grove	6	0	0	0
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SECRETARIES AND POST OFFICERS

- Morgantown—Cora Pinnix, Route 7, Burlington, N. C.
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 Jefferies Cross—Miss Flossie Martin, Route 3, Box 348,
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 Rocky Ridge—
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 Sunny Home—Mrs. Elizabeth Broadnax.
 High Street—Mrs. May Eleza Garland, Milton, N. C.
 St. James—Mrs. Sallie A. Lawson, Route 1, Roxboro, N. C.
 Morning Star—Mrs. Shirley Broadnax, 132 Blackstock St.,
 Spray, N. C.
 Spring Grove—
 Allen's Chapel—Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, Route 1, Box 84,
 Leasburg, N. C.
 Old Mt. Zion—Virginia Wagstaff, Route 1, Roxboro, N. C.
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Sister Bertha Perkins

COMMITTEE ON SERMONS

We, your Committee, wish to make the following recommendations. We recommend for Introductory Sermon: Rev. S. E. Woods; alternate, Rev. J. C. Brown. Temperance Sermon, Rev. G. H. Badgett; alternate, Rev. C. P. Lowe. Mission Sermon, Rev. H. G. McGhee; alternate, Rev. H. Gwynn.

Respectfully submitted
Sister Lula M. Wiley
Sister Erma Artist
Sister Alice Pulliam
Sister Elizabeth Pulliam
Sister Lelian Stamp
Sister Victory Harriston

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee, submit the following report:
After looking over the field we find that Sister Mary Luster, from Mill Hill, has been called to final rest. We recommend that the deceased's funeral be preached in this setting.

Respectfully submitted
Sister Kattie Bowe
Brother Joe William
Sister Annie Russell
Sister Thelma Cobb
Sister Elizebeth Broonex
Sister Isbelie Long
Sister Virginia Hampton

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

We, your Committee on President's Address recommend that it be printed in the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Dett Williamson
Kennis Johnson
Brother Phillip Blackwell
Sister Lucy Hamlet
Sister Pauline Vinson

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

President, Bro. E. B. Smith; Vice President, Sis. Sadie Juniper; Secretary, Sis. Juanita Bigelow; Assist. Sec., Sis. Ester Lee; Cor. Sec., Sis. Mary Paylor; treas., Bro. K. E. Mills.

Respectfully submitted
Brother Robert Steward
Sister Alice McCain
Sister Gladys Tucker
Sister Effie Bryant
Brother Charlie Abbott
Sister Juanita Bigelow
Sister Lucille Martin

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend that on Good Friday, 1959 will be the time, the Memorial Building be the place.

Respectfully submitted
Brother Preston Lea
Sister Lily Anderson
Sister Sarah Watt
Sister Robertia Blackstock
Sister Louise Graves

COMMITTEE ON SICK

We, your Committee, beg to make the following report:
Sick is Sister Melinda Adams, Bold Spring; Sister Willie Mae McKey, Zion Level; Sister Gladys Parker, Warren Chapel.

Respectfully submitted
Sister Maggie Johnson
Sister Jessie M. Blackstock
Sister Mildred Smith
Sister Annie Finch
Brother Earl Terrell
Sister Bettie Abbott
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FINANCE REPORT

Collected from Delegates	\$ 76.00
Morning Offering	25.00
Afternoon Offering	19.35
Evening Offering	20.00
Total	\$140.42

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We, the Board of Directors, offer the following recommendations:

1. That Rev. C. P. Love be given the sum of \$5.00 to represent in the State Convention.
2. That the Board of Directors be paid \$2.00 each traveling expense.
3. That the funeral of the deceased ushers be preached in this Convention; if not, that it be worked in and be preached in the next Convention.
4. That each Usher Board some time within the next twelve months have a special service and the money be turned to the Convention on its next setting, to strengthen the treasury, and be used as best the Convention sees it.
5. That each Church represented with \$2.00.

Respectfully submitted
The Board of Directors
Bro. Preston Lea, Chairman

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

SUBJECT—"AN OBEDIENT USHER"

Madam Vice President, Officers, delegates, members and friends, I thank God for this great blessing and privilege to meet you in our Second Usher Convention. It is indeed a great privilege to act as your humble president. With your help I feel stronger this year than last. I am very much elated over this great honor that has been bestowed upon me these few months as your humble servant. I shall do all in my power by the help of the Lord not to destroy your trust.

Since our objective is helping to reach the unreached, this thought came to me as a subject, "An Obedient Usher." We have often heard these words spoken: Obedience is better than sacrifice." As we enter our subject today may we ask ourselves a question: Are we obeying that silent partner that walks with us every moment of our lives. The law of duty is supreme. It claims authority over reason and talents. Ushers let us get on our job and do well. Since our ushers convention has been organized we are being watched more carefully. More is expected of us. We know our duties and are expected to perform them.

One main point is to be on time at each service your church may have one. It admits no rival, no abatement of its high demands; enters into no compromise with any opposing power. The voice of our duty is the voice of God in Soul. Repent, turn yourselves from all your transgressions, so iniquity shall not be your ruin, Ezekiel 18:30. We have heard that beautiful saying—the most beautiful things in the universe are the starry heavens above our heads and the sentiments of duty in the human soul. A person whose life and action are governed by a sense of duty is sure to occupy a commanding position in the esteem of others.

We may be retiring or modest, but there is in us what commands respect, what enforces esteem. The sun is no truer to his course than we are to ours. We are as reli-

able as the everlasting rock. Every day finds us the same beautiful, steady moral firmness. We have but to know our duty to be ready to engage in it. We bless without effort. We teach sentiment of duty and honesty in every act of our lives. We ought to strive to live such a life, and thereby bless the world. Keep me as the apple of the eye. Hide me under the shadow of thy wing, Psalm 17:8; and now, my dear ushers, let us do our work and do it with all our might, and at all times as the scripture has said—study to show ourselves a soul workman unto God, who need not be ashamed.

We ought to consider the duty to which we are called each day as the work that God has given us to do. To apply ourselves to it in a manner worthy of His glory. That is, to say, with exactness and in peace, we must neglect nothing! We must be violent about nothing. Ushers, we must do our work as if it was a divine calling. Each of us has a sphere of power of influence. As possibilities, God expects us to use it this day for the advancement of His kingdom here among men. Ushers we must be obedient to the will of God, we must dedicate our lives to the great task of helping others to become Christians. God is depending upon us to do this job with joy and willingness to obey him. In my closing words I still say it has been a pleasure to work with you these few months. I ask God's blessings upon you always. I do humbly ask of you your prayers that I will keep on keeping on.

Yours In Christ
E. B. Smith

RECOMMENDATIONS

1—That Usher Board Associations No. 1 and No. 2 will see to it that a special meeting be held each year to raise funds to send to the usher convention for its financial improvement until the convention states otherwise.

2—That since the good Lord has blessed us to set up this usher convention I recommend that each usher board will represent with the sum of \$3.00 instead \$2.00.

FINANCE

Allens Chapels—Lizabeth Pulliam	\$2.00
Blue Stone—Bessie Mills, Joe Williams	2.00
Bold Spring—Annie Finch	2.00
Blackwell—Mary Bushmal	2.00
Groomes—Odessa Watt, Lucell Whoper	2.00
Gwynes Chapel—D. M. Williamson	2.00
Hammer—Annie Lipscomb, Bessie	2.00
Hyro Zion—Mildred Smith	2.00
Mill Hill—Alice McCain, Beverly Scott	2.00
Mineral Spring—Hermon Yancey, Audry Gwynn	2.00
Mt. Zion—Maggie Hall	2.00
Morning Star—Bertha Perkins, Victoria Jones	2.00
Mt. Herman—Gennie Gilwen	2.00
Mt. Olive—	
New Ephesus—Betty Mims	2.00
New Zion—Lula Wiley, Mary Harris	2.00
Olive Hill—Effie O'Bryant, Estell Pullion	2.00
Oliver Grove—Maggie Johnson	2.00
Providence—Catherine Poteat	2.00
Rocky Ridge—Ada Thomas	2.00
Sunny Home—Erma G. Artist	2.00
Spring Grove—Lily Anderson, Pearl Headford	2.00
St. James—Lawson	2.00
Sweet Gum—Juanita Bigelow, Kimber	2.00
Sassafrass Grove—Clive Halloway	2.00
Shiloah—Cora Simpson, Lillian Stamps	2.00
Warren's Chapel—Lucase Groves, Riley Jacobs	2.00
Yanceyville—Katie Bowe	2.00
Zion Level—Ivey Hamilett	2.00
Association 1—Lily Anderson, Margie Groves	5.00
Association 2—Alice Pulliam	5.00
Jeffers Cross—Preston Lee	2.00
Hi Street—C. A. Saylor	2.00
Morgantown—Pauline Vension, Thomas Miles	2.00
Red Hill—	
Maple Grove—Leroy Wagstaff	2.00
McClainsville—Jeremiah Hedrick	2.00

STATISTICAL SHEET

			New	
	Deaths	Offs.	Mems.	Deaths
Morgan Town	8	0	0	0
Sweet Gum	25	3	3	0
Jefferies Cross	12	2	0	0
Zion Level	8	2	0	0
Mill Hill	16	2	0	1
Sassafras Grove	7	4	0	0
Gwyns Chapel	10	2	0	0
New Zion	6	4	0	0
Blue Stone	0	3	0	0
Old Mt. Zion	10	0	0	0
Allens Chapel	14	0	0	0
Spring Grove	5	5	0	0
Morning Star	19	0	0	0
St. James	10	2	0	0
Hight Street	0	2	0	0
Sunny Home	8	3	2	0
Cedar Groves Usher Assn.	144	0	0	0
Yanceyville	11	2	0	0
Rocky Ridge	8	0	0	0
Maple Grove	12	0	0	0
Olive Grove	6	0	0	0
Mineral Spring	9	2	0	0
Bold Spring	12	0	4	0
Mt. Hermond	10	2	0	0
Oliver Hill	0	5	0	0

“CONSTITUTION OF THE CEDAR GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST USHERS CONVENTION

Article I. This convention shall be called the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Ushers Convention.

Article II. The objective shall be to reach the unreached, bringing about a unified program in co-operation with all ushers in the Cedar Grove Association, extending a hand to our own Memorial Building and help wherever needed.

Article III. This convention shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in the Cedar Grove association, entitled to send two delegates. Also ministers who shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying delegate's name, president of board name, number of ushers, name of church, name of secretary, address of secretary, number of deaths, Res., fee, and membership.

Article IV. The officers of this convention shall be president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, corresponding secretary, auditor and nine board of directors, members. The same to be nominated by a committee and elected by the body annually.

Article V. That no person can hold office in this convention unless he is a member of some usher board in good standing and attend his meetings regular.

Article VI. Each usher board shall be represented in the convention annually with \$2.00 res. fee. Usher board association one and two \$5.00. Each good Friday shall be the meeting date, at the memorial building. As long as the convention sees fit.

Article VII. The president shall preside at the meeting of the convention, state and put all questions and announce

the votes of the body. The secretary shall record the proceedings of the convention, prepare the printing of the minutes and distribute them among the various usher boards.

Article VIII. The convention shall have power to advise and aid the officers of the usher boards in the accomplishments of the objective specified in Article II.

Article IX. Any Baptist church by sending two delegates to the annual meeting of the body may be admitted into the convention by appearing before the committee on reception and being properly vouched for by the committee.

Article X. Any usher board wishing to withdraw shall do so by making a written request and by mis-representing two terms in succession until said dues are paid.

Article XI. That the usher convention be represented in the association with \$5.00.


Article XII. The decency of speech must be maintained and personal reflection avoided.

Article XIII. That each usher turn out in usher uniform or badge before he is recognized by the convention.

Article XIV. All money raised by the convention shall be used as convention sees best.

Article XV. That the mission sermon, offering be appreciated to help sick ushers.

Respectfully submitted,
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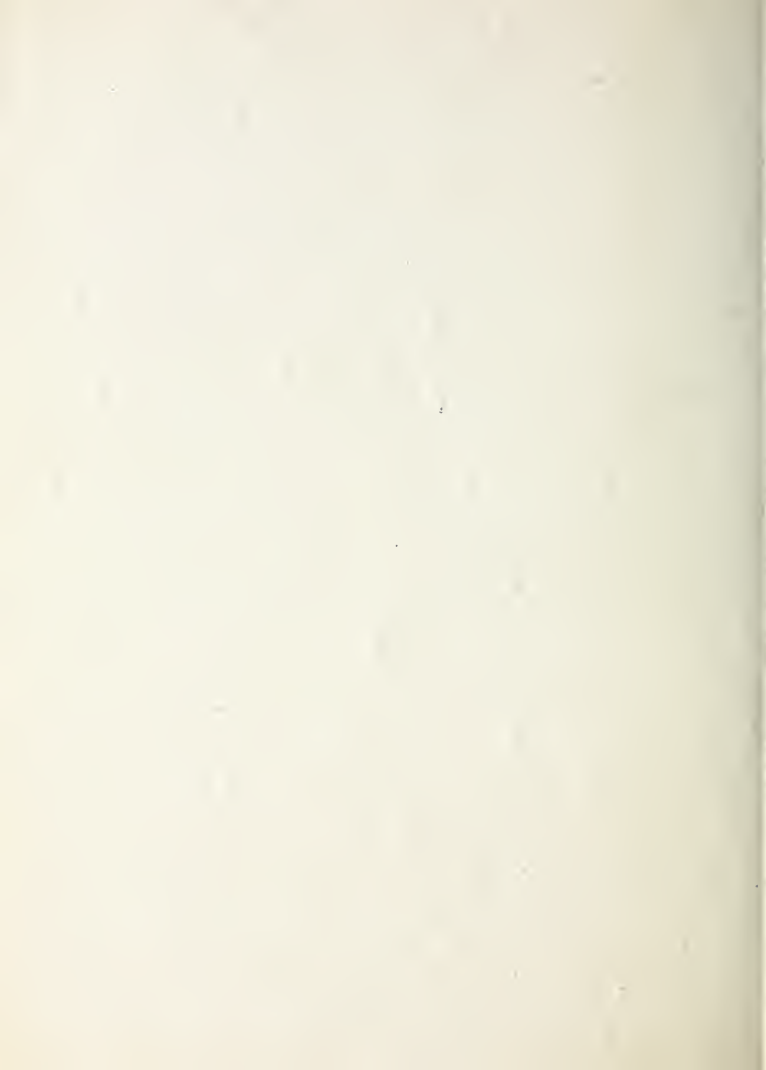
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The report from the delegate to the Association was received and adopted. Next was election of delegate to the Association. Sister Malenda Adams is our delegate with Sister Victoria Harriston as alternate. It was voted that we would give the delegate \$5.00 for representing fee and \$6.00 for expenses. Then Sister Eula Jacob was chosen to give the topic talk for next year, The Duty of Ushers. Bless Be the Tie That Binds was sung. Dismissed by Rev. Badgett.

NIGHT SERVICE

The ushers marched back in the building at 6:30 o'clock. First song, I Must See Jesus For Myself Some Day by Sister Jumper. Then Glory To His Name was sung. Rev. McGhee read for Scripture lesson part of the 18th Chapter of St. John, 12th to the 20th verses. Prayer by Rev. King. The president then called for the minutes of the afternoon session. They were read, received and adopted. Next was literary program, which was nice and enjoyed by all. It was responded to by Bro. Boyd, Rev. Brown, Rev. Mills and Bro. Robert Wiley. Now it was time for the sermon. Rev. McGhee being present, he, Rev. Kimber, Rev. Brown and Rev. McGhee came and made some remarks. He then took his text from the 19th Chapter of St. John and the 12th verse. Subject, True Mission Work. He preached a very inspiring sermon. Then Rev. Kimber led us in To A Throne of Grace. A song time will bring you down. Bro. Howard Chambers. It was time for collection. Bro. Yellock, Bro. Wiley and Bro. Wagstaff came to help in the offering. The amount raised was \$25.75. Sister Eulá Jacob prayed over the offering. It was recommended that the Finance Committee would purchase envelopes to pay the officers and all bills. Bless Be the Tie That Binds was sung and dismissal by Rev. McGhee.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:30-10:00—Devotion.
10:00-10:15—Welcome Address and Response.
10:15-10:45—Enrollment of Delegates.
10:45-11:15—Appointing of Committees.
11:15-12:00—Introducing Sermon.
12:00-12:15—Offering.
12:15-12:30—Introduction of Visitors.
12:30-12:45—Miscellaneous.
12:45—Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:45—Reassemble.
1:45- 2:00—Devotional Exercises.
2:00- 2:10—Reading and Approving Minutes.
2:10- 2:30—Talk on Duty of Ushers, and Feature on
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2:30- 2:45—President's Address and Response.
2:45- 3:30—Sermon.
3:30- 3:45—Offering.
3:45- 4:00—Report of Treasurer and Auditor.
4:00- 4:20—Election of Officers.
4:20- 5:00—Report of all Committees, and Miscellaneous.
Adjourn.

FRIDAY EVENING

- 6:30- 7:00—Ushers March.
7:00- 7:15—Devotionals.
7:15- 7:30—Reading and Approving Minutes.
7:30- 8:30—Literary Programs.
8:30- 9:15—Mission Sermon.
9:15- 9:30—Offering and Benediction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION

We, your Committee on Reception, wish to make the following report: That we find 3 churches seeking membership. Namely — Burtons Chapel, Ebenezer and Smith Chapel, by paying the sum of \$2.00 each for membership.

Respectfully submitted

Mr. Willie Boyd

Sis. Betty Abbott

Sis. Eula Jacob

Sis. Lucy Hamelett

Sis. Hattie Winstead

COMMITTEE ON SERMONS

We, your Committee on Sermons, beg leave to make the following report: The Introduction Sermon, Rev. T. R. Sidle speaker with Rev. C. H. Kimber, alternate. Temperance Sermon, Rev. W. E. Mills, speaker, with Rev. H. G. McGhee, alternate. Mission Sermon, Rev. C. P. Love with Rev. Gaberal Graves as alternate.

Respectfully submitted

Bro. Preston Lee

Sis. Esther Smith

Sis. Lillian Stamps

Sis. Beatrice Horton

Sis. Malanda Adams

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: Officers as follows: Mr. E. B. Smith, President; Vice-President, Sis. Sadie Jumper; Secretary, Sis. Esther Lea; Assistant Secretary, Miss Erma Jean Artis; Corresponding Secretary, Sis. Mary Paylor; Treasurer, Bro. K. E. Mills. Miss Juanita Bigelow, Secretary of Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted

Sis. Maggie Johnson, Chmn.

Sis. Erma J. Artis

Sis. Victoria Harriston

Sis. Geneva Lee

Sis. Beatrice Williams

Sis. Lucy Harris

Sis. Sally Lawson

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that on Good Friday, 1960, will be the time, Memorial Building be the place.

Respectfully submitted
Bro. Frank Warner, Chmn.
Sis. Maggie Moore
Bro. Joe Williams
Sis. Mary Broadnax
Sis. Mozell Lee

COMMITTEE ON SICK

We, your Committee on the Sick, wish to make the following report: Our sick members are Sister Pearl Heardford from Spring Grove and Sister Eulah Jacob from Warrens Chapel.

Respectfully submitted
Sis. Sarah Watts
Sis. Florence Wells
Sis. Gladys Royster
Bro. Elmer Williams
Sis. Annie King

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING MINUTES

We, your Committee on Printing Minutes, wish to make the following report: That three hundred minutes be printed the same size and print and Bro. Willie Boyd be in charge of the printing.

Respectfully submitted
Sis. Mildred Smith, Chmn.
Sis. Millie McKiver
Bro. Lonrezle Bigelow
Sis. Mary S. Williams
Sis. Mable Sully
Sis. Erma Williamson
Bro. Robert Steward

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report: After carefully checking over our field we find we haven't lost any members since our last session.

Respectfully submitted

Sis. Lula M. Wiley
Sis. Elzann Smith
Bro. Earl Terrell
Sis. Elizabeth Murphy
Sis. Fannie Brown

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

We, your Committee on President's Address. We recommend that it be printed in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted

Bro. Coy Mills
Sis. Phebe Neal
Bro. Ulyeses Rogers
Bro. James Wallington
Sis. Lijy Anderson

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Representing Fee	\$ 78.00
Assoc. No. 2 Gift	80.00
Assoc. No. 1 Gift	33.00
Morning Offering	27.17
Afternoon Offering	22.02
Maple Grove Donated	15.00
Evening Offering	25.75
Money From Kitchen	15.40
Total	<u>\$295.34</u>

Respectfully submitted

Mr. Hubert L. Lee
Mr. C. H. Sanders
Mr. James Jones

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

We, your Committee on Appropriations, wish to make the following report:

President—\$8.00

Vice-President—\$6.00

Recording Secretary—\$7.00

Assistant Secretary—\$3.50

Corresponding Secretary—\$2.50

Expenses for Cards—\$1.50

Treasurer—\$2.00

Finance Committee \$2.00 each—total \$6.00

Yard Usher—\$3.00

Ministers—\$6.00 each

Auditor—~~\$2.00~~

Board of Directors—\$2.00 each—total \$18.00

Shaw University—\$15.00

Tissues—\$1.90

Printing Committee—\$5.00 for expenses

A total of \$104.90

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Ushers' Convention, met at the Memorial Building Wednesday night, March 4 at 7 o'clock, with the president, Mr. Preston Lee, presiding, with Mr. Jones singing That Awful Day Will Surely Come. Next Mr. E. B. Smith read for Scripture 9 verses of the 3rd Chapter of St. Matthew. Prayer by Mr. Preston Lee. Next song, Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross, by Mr. E. B. Smith.

Next the chairman of the board, Mr. Lee, arose and announced the house in order for business. After a timely discussion by all present, the following recommendations were made:

1. That we give Mr. Willie Boyd \$5.00 for traveling expenses.
2. That the kitchen would be in operation selling drinks, ice cream and hot dogs, with members of the Board being in charge of the selling and the proceeds going into the treasury of the Usher Convention.
3. Said that Mr. James Jones purchase the necessary ingredients and the convention pay for the same. Mr. James Jones lined hymn, Before This Time Another Year.

Benediction by Mr. Lee

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

WHAT FAITH, WHAT DUTY, WHAT SERVICE

Madam Chairman, Christian Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen: As I stand here for my third annual address I can not help but think how blessed we are, how thankful we should be and how happy we should feel knowing that we are free to have such a wonderful program as you have planned here today (and tonight).

I want to express my thanks to those who prayed for me and truly I am happy to share the experience of an Usher's Convention. Realizing that no chain can be any stronger than it's weakest link—I thought I might talk about something that would help the weak to grow strong; the strong to grow stronger and the stronger to become very strong.

The moment one enters a church or any gathering in a public place, the first to approach him with a beautiful and cheerful smile is an Usher. Ushers may in a sense be called the workers who make for comfort, understanding and peace. I can not then help but think of one of God's great helpers—Luke and so I am going to ask you to consider with me this subject: What Faith, What Duty, What Service?

I'd like you to read St. Luke 17th Chapter 5 and 10 verses:

And the apostles said unto the Lord, increase our Faith.

So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants, we have done that which was our duty to do.

If you understand these verses then you are ready for service . . .

Considering What Faith?

The word Faith means to believe in something firmly enough to stand for it, by it and with it so long as it is and it is in the right or for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. We find ourselves in the same situation as the Apostles during the writing of the New Testament. There are so many different things today that try to shake our

faith, test our faith, yea, even make some lose faith, but do you have something you are thoroughly convinced in, you know you're right in believing in it? Then stand for it.

Are you first convinced in the Christian Doctrine? Do you believe in each principle for which it stands? If you don't know the principles are you trying to find them from somewhere so you may have more faith? Secondly, do you have faith in the Baptist Church and its Religion? We are working as Ushers in Baptist Churches—So I want to know do you have faith in them? Do you believe you are serving in the church which represents the true teaching of Christ and the practice thereof after Baptism? Do you have faith in yourself as a Christian? Are you living the very best Christian life you can live? What about your task as an Usher? How much faith do you have in your service to your Church and to the entire Ushers Convention? Do you have so much faith that others who watch you may also be inspired and grasp some of that Faith? Now if you don't have sufficient faith, you'd better say as the Apostles said—Lord increase our Faith. We must seek faith wherever it is weak so we may serve better and more effectively. Looking then at our purpose for being here—we could easily ask ourselves as Ushers—of what Faith are we? To this you should answer the Baptist Faith and above all for righteousness. Next do you have faith in yourself? Do others likewise have faith in you? Please be truthful in giving this answer.

— To the second part of our subject . . .

What Duty? As Ushers, just what is our duty? Duty as defined by Webster means anything which a person is morally and spiritually obliged to do or not to do. St. Luke emphasizes the things we should do.

As Ushers, it is our duty first to know our job beyond any questioning. It is our duty to forever possess that pleasing, smiling, Christian, personality in order to welcome all who enter under our direction. It is our duty to forever see that all who enter are comfortable and happy and this should be done without partiality on our part or others concerned. All in all, we would say our duty is first to God and we serve God by serving our fellow man.

The Lord hath commanded us to dwell in harmony upon the face of the earth and serve ye one another. Let us now dear Ushers ask ourselves—Do we understand our duty? Are we performing this duty? After duty or recognition of duty comes the actual service. The performance of labor for another. We are working with each other for the benefit of each other toward an end goal of reaching eternal peace and rest with Christ.

To serve well then, we must be able to do unselfishly, untiringly and always willingly. Such petty things as being an usher to show a new hair-do, or a new suit will not work. No, being an usher just because you like to walk or prance will not do. We must be sincere in performing our service, diligent in executing our task and honest in our efforts to make our Union a better one.

As a group let us a'ways remember that together we stand, divided we fall. We are here to share our ideas, to grow in the knowledge of our duty, increase our faith, and be more determined to serve for a longer time while here we dwell. Each time I think of our Ushers Convention, the faith I have in it, our duty as Ushers and the service we render I'm reminded of a poem I once read, a poem I think will well express what I've tried to say—It goes like this:

WHICH ARE YOU?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, or are you just contented that your name is on the list? Do you attend the meeting and mingle with the flock, or do you stay at home and criticize and knock? Do you take an active part to help the work along, or are you just the kind to be satisfied to be the kind that just belong? Do you ever voluntarily help at the guiding stick, or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique? Come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart, don't be just a member—but take an active part. Think this over member, you know right from wrong, are you an active member, or do you Just Belong?

Your Humble Servant

E. B. Smith

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

	Fee
Allens Chapels—Mrs. Hattie Winsted	\$2.00
Blue Stone—Mrs. Betty Abbott, Mrs. Pearl Abbott....	2.00
Baldy Spring—Florence Wells, Clarence Williams	2.00
Blackwell—James Bush, Mary Brown	2.00
Groomes—Odessa Watt, Elnora Roberts	2.00
Gwynes Chapel—D. M. Williamson, Maggie Moore....	2.00
Hammer—Mozelle Lee, C. H. Sanders	2.00
Hyco Zion—Mildred Smith	2.00
Mill Hill—Frank Lester, Hubert Lea	2.00
Mineral Spring—Herman Yancey	2.00
Mt. Zion—Sam L. Hatchett	2.00
Morning Star—Victoria Harriston, Malasia Harriston	2.00
Mt. Herman—Geneva Lee, Gladys Tucker	2.00
Mt. Oliver—Howard and Lula Chambers	2.00
New Ephesus—Margie Graves, Florence Toten	2.00
New Zion—Lula Wiley, Grace Harris	2.00
Oliver Hill—Mrs. Lucy Harris	2.00
Oliver Grove—Florence Rogers	2.00
Providence	
Rocky Ridge—Annie King	2.00
Sunny Home—Emer J. Artis, Roberta Blackstock	2.00
Spring Grove—Lily Anderson	2.00
St. James—Elizabeth Smith, Sally Lawson	2.00
Sweet Gum—Lorenza and Barbara Bigelow	2.00
Sassafras Grove—By Letter	2.00
Shiloh—Lillian Stamps, Kelly Johnson	2.00
Warren's Chapel—Earl Terrell, Beatrice Horton	2.00
Yanceyville—Mary Williamson, Katie Bowe	2.00
Zion Level—Lucy Hamlett, Millie McKiver	2.00
Assoc. No. 1—Mary Broadnax, Thelma Cobb	5.00
Assoc. 2—Elizabeth Woods	5.00
Jeffers Cross—Georgia Liggins, Wesley Shaw	2.00
Hi Street—By Letter	2.00
Morgantown—Pauline Vincent, Thomas Miles	2.00
Red Hill—	
Maple Grove—Leroy Wagstaff	2.00
McClainsville—Esther Smith, Lizzy Murphy	2.00
Burton Chapel—Mrs. Emmer William	2.00
Ebernezer—Miss Lottie Stephenson	2.00
Smith Chapel—Mable Sully, Ophelia and Francis Price	2.00

STATISTICAL SHEET

	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Offs.</i>	<i>New Mems.</i>	<i>Deaths</i>
Morgan Town	10	0	0	0
Sweet Gum	30	3	5	0
Jefferies Cross	11	0	0	0
Zion Level	10	4	4	0
Mill Hill	16	4	0	0
Sassafras Grove	0	0	0	0
Gwyns Chapel	0	0	0	0
New Zion	8	0	0	0
Blue Stone	19	0	0	0
Old Mt. Zion	9	4	0	0
Allens Chapel	15	0	1	0
Spring Grove	7	0	0	0
Morning Star	21	0	0	0
St. James	8	4	0	0
Hight Street	0	0	0	0
Sunny Home	9	3	1	0
Cedar Groves Usher Assoc.	144	5	0	0
Yanceyville	13	0	2	0
Rocky Ridge	8	0	0	0
Maple Grove	14	0	2	0
Olive Grove	6	0	0	0
Mineral Spring	9	2	0	0
Bold Spring	12	0	4	0
Mt. Hermond	12	2	2	0
Oliver Hill	0	0	0	0
McClainsville	24	0	0	0
Shiloah	12	4	3	0
Blackwell	13	3	2	0
New Ephesus	12	0	0	0
Groomes	16	5	3	0
Warren's Chapel	17	0	0	0
Mt. Oliver	12	0	0	0

CONSTITUTION OF THE CEDAR GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST USHERS CONVENTION

Article I. This convention shall be called the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Ushers Convention.

Article II. The objective shall be to reach the unreached, bringing about a unified program in co-operation with all ushers in the Cedar Grove Association, extending a hand to our own Memorial Building and help wherever needed.

Article III. This convention shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in the Cedar Grove Association, entitled to send two delegates. Also ministers who shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying delegate's name, president of board name, number of ushers, name of church, name of secretary, address of secretary, number of deaths, Res., fee, and membership.

Article IV. The officers of this convention shall be president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, corresponding secretary, auditor and nine board of directors, members. The same to be nominated by a committee and elected by the body annually.

Article V. That no person can hold office in this convention unless he is a member of some usher board in

good standing and attend his meetings regular.

Article VI. Each usher board shall be represented in the convention annually with \$2.00 res. fee. Usher board association one and two \$5.00. Each Good Friday shall be the meeting date, at the Memorial Building. As long as the convention sees fit.

Article VII. The president shall preside at the meeting of the convention, state and put all questions and announce the votes of the body. The secretary shall record the proceedings of the convention, prepare the printing of the minutes and distribute them among the various usher boards.

Article VIII. The convention shall have power to advise and aid the officers of the usher boards in the accomplishments of the objective specified in Article II.

Article IX. Any Baptist church by sending two delegates to the annual meeting of the body may be admitted into the convention by appearing before the committee on reception and being properly vouched for by the committee.

Article X. Any usher board wishing to withdraw shall do so by making a written request and by mis-representing two terms in succession until said dues are paid.

Article XI. That the usher convention be represented in the association with \$5.00.

Article XII. The decency of speech must be maintained and personal reflection avoided.

Article XIII. That each usher turn out in usher uniform or badge before he is recognized by the convention.

Article XIC. All money raised by the convention shall be used as convention sees best.

Article XV. That the mission sermon, offering be appreciated to help sick ushers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Preston Lee
Mrs. Lula Mae Wiley
Mr. Amos Woods
Mr. James Jones
Mr. Willie Boyd

Mr. Earl Terrell
Mr. Hubert Lee
Mr. John A. Wagstaff
Mrs. Esther Lee
Mr. E. B. Smith

LETTER FORM

Date 3 / 30 / 1961

To the Cedar Grove Ushers Convention:

We the Ushers of the Mt Hermon Baptist Church

bring you greetings.

Our report is as follows:

1. Church Mt Hermon Baptist Church
2. Pastor Rev. T. B. Wilson
3. No. of Ushers 17
4. President Willie R. Boyd
5. Secretary Jennie Gilreath
- Route Box 503 Robinson St.
Reidsville, North Carolina
6. Delegate Adelle Stokes & Mary Lee
7. Representing Fee _____ \$2.00
8. No of Deaths 1 No. of New Ushers 2

Yours in Christ

Ushers of the Mt Hermon Baptist Church

Sherman Williams

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USHER'S CONVENTION
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MEMORIAL BUILDING
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1960**

OFFICERS

President	Mr. E. B. Smith Route 4, Box 136, Roxboro, N. C.
Vice-President	Mrs. Sadie Jumper Draper, N. C.
Secretary	Mrs. Esther M. Lee Route 1, Box 108, Semora, N. C.
Assistant Secretary	Miss Erma J. Artist 617 W. Clark Ave., Draper, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary ..	Mrs. Mary Paylor Route 1, Semora, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. K. E. Mills Ruffin, N. C.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Preston Lee	Rt. 7, Burlington, N. C.
Mr. Amos Woods	Rt 1, Box 4, Leasbury, N. C.
Mr. James Jones	Route 1, Ruffin, N. C.
Mr. Willie Boyd	505 Roberson St., Reidsville, N. C.
Mrs. Katie Bowe	P. O., Yanceyville, N. C.
Mr. Earl Terrell	424 Fulton St., Burlington, N. C.
Mr. Hubert L. Lee	Rt. 1, Box 108, Semora, N. C.
Miss Junita Bigelow	Rt. 3, Mebane, N. C.
Mr. Charlie Abbott	Rt. 5, Box 28, Reidsville, N. C.

SECRETARIES AND POST OFFICES

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- Shady Grove Miss Ethel Carrington
Route 4, Box 28, Danville, Va.
- Old Mt. Zion Mrs. Maggie Hall
233 Madison Blvd., Roxboro, N. C.
- Olive Hill Mrs. Katie Poteat
Route 2, Hurdlesmill, N. C.
- Ebenezer Mrs. Fannie Ingram
Route 4, Box 282
- Jeffers Cross Mrs. Rosia Day
Rosenwold St., Burlington, N. C.
- High St. Mrs. Mamie Garland
P. O. Box 134, Milton, N. C.
- Red Hill Miss Dorothy J. Blackwell
Route 1, Box 136, Pelham, N. C.
- Sassafras Grove Mrs. Ardelia Bigelow
Star Route 2, Yanceyville, N. C.
- Rocky Ridge Mrs. Annie King
Route 5, Box 126, Reidsville, N. C.
- Sweet Gum Miss Juanie Bigelow
Route 3, Box 160, Mebane, N. C.
- Sunny Home Mrs. Roberta Blackstock
P. O. Box 683, Draper, N. C.
- Blackwell Mrs. Senora Farrish
Route 1, Box 101, Yanceyville, N. C.
- Zion Level Mrs. Mae Fannie Crowley
Route 1, Box 8, Semora, N. C.
- Warrens Chapel Mrs. Mildred Ellison
Route 2, Cedar Grove, N. C.
- Yanceyville Miss Betty J. Johnson
Route 1, Box 53, Yanceyville, N. C.
- Shiloh Miss Dorothy M. Johnson
Route 5, Box 194, Reidsville, N. C.
- St. James Mrs. Sally A. Lawson
Route 1, Roxboro, N. C.
- Morgantown 1st Bt. Mrs. Cora Pinnix
Route 7, Burlington, N. C.

Olive Grove	Mrs. Florence Rogers Route 4, Box 111, Roxboro, N. C.
Spring Grove	Mrs. Thelma Cobbs 497 Washington Avenue, Reidsville, N. C.
Mill Hill	Miss Dorothy Swann Route 1, Roxboro, N. C.
Hamer	Mrs. Annie D. Lipscomb Route 1, Box 106, Blanch, N. C.
Grooms	Mrs. Mary Wilkerson Route 5, Box 14A, Reidsville, N. C.
Beulah	Mrs. Helma Brodsher Route 3, Mebane, N. C.
Blue Stone	Mrs. Mary Wills Route 2, Ruffin, N. C.
Bold Spring	Mrs. Malinda Adams Route 1, Draper, N. C.
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Audrey U. Gwynn Route 1, Box 139A, Pelham, N. C.
Hyco Zion	Mrs. Malinda Farmer Route 1, Box 76, Roxboro, N. C.
Maple Grove	Mrs. Evdesser Shoffiner 521 Shepard St., Burlington, N. C.
Morning Star	Miss Shirley Broadnox 132 Blackstock St., Spray, N. C.
Mt. Hermon	Mrs. Jennie Gilreath 503 Roberson St., Reidsville, N. C.
Gwyns Chapel	Mrs. Susie Noble Route 1, Box 37, Pelham, N. C.
New Ephesus	Miss Myrtle King Route 1, Pelham, N. C.
Association No. 1	Mrs. Malinda Adams Route 1, Box 124, Draper, N. C.
Association No. 2	Mrs. Esther M. Lee Route 1, Box 108, Semora, N. C.
Burton's Chapel	Miss Goldie Williamson
Mt. Olive	Miss Katie Chambers Route 3, Mebane, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

(Minutes)

APRIL 15, 1960

The Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Ushers Convention opened its 4th session at 9:40 o'clock on the above date with the President, E. B. Smith, presiding. First song—Glory to His Name by Brother K. E. Mills. Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross was sung by Sister Alice McCain. Then Rev. Warner read 37 verses of the 27th chapter of St. Matthew for scripture. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. Graves. Leaning on the Everlasting Arms was sung by Sister Sally Lawson. Sister Jumper sang a hymn, I Love the Lord He Heard My Cry. The house was declared open for business. Then the welcome address was given by Mrs. Dete Williams and was enjoyed by all and was responded to by Sister Cary Wiley, Maggie Johnson and Lizzie Murphy. The president made some remarks and then called for the minutes of the last meeting. It was read, received, and adopted. Next was the enrolling of the delegates and churches, and then the appointing of committees. It was now time for the sermon. Rev. T. R. Siddle being present, he and Rev. T. B. Wilson entered the rostrum and Rev. Wilson read the entire 28th chapter of St. Mark. He then prayed a very spiritual prayer. Glory to His Name was sung. Rev. Siddle came forth taking his text from the 28th chapter of Mark. He is not here, come see the place where He laid. Subject—The Inspiration of An Absent Christ. From this he preached a wonderful sermon. Rev. Wilson sang Just Lift Him Up in a very spiritual way. The president then made some remarks then asked Brother Boyd and Brother Terrell to lift the offering, the amount raised, \$25.32. Next the acknowledgement of visitors. The vice president then gave us some very helpful information on the care and keeping of the building which has been dedicated to God and said it should be more respected. The committees were ordered in session. Bless Be the Tie That Binds was sung and services dismissed by Rev. Wilson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was reopened by singing. Then Rev. McGhee read 12 verses of the 1st chapter of John for scripture lesson. Rev. Joe King led us in prayer and Sister

Jacob sang *While I'm On This Christian Journey*. The president declared the house open for business. First the minutes of the morning session were read, received and adopted. Next was the topic talk given by Sister Jacob. She came and sang *O When I Came to the End of My Journey*. Her subject was *Why Do We Need Ushers?* She gave us a wonderful talk. It was responded to by Rev. Warner. We then turned her a vote of thanks for such a wonderful message. It was motioned that Sister Katie Bowe would give the topic talk for 1961. After singing *The Old Rugged Cross* it was time for the president's annual address. He came and sang *At the Cross*, then gave his subject, *As This No Greater Love*. He brought a wonderful message. It was responded by the Reverends Badgett, McGhee, Brown and King. It was motioned that it be placed in the hands of committee. It was now time for the temperance sermon. Rev. Mills, Rev. Bodgett and Rev. McGhee entered the rostrum. Opening song was *Amazing Grace*. Then Rev. Mills came and made some remarks and announced his text from the 1st chapter of Daniel, 8th verse. Subject—*Daniel's Purpose*. From this he preached a heart-felt sermon. Rev. Bodgett then led in prayer. Rev. McGhee sang *Just A Little Talk with Jesus Makes It Right*. The president then made some remarks and asked Brothers Mitchell, Warner and Brown to lift the offering. The amount raised was \$18.13. Next was the treasurer's report. It was received and adopted. The auditor was absent—no report. Next was the report of the committee on the election of officers. All officers were re-elected for the coming year. The report was adopted. All other reports were read, received and adopted. Next we selected our delegate to the association. Sister Dete Williams was named and we voted to give her \$8.00 for expenses and \$5.00 for representing. Sister Gennie Gilreath was alternate. The report from the board of directors was read and adopted. Next was a song, "Remember Me." Dismissal by Rev. Mills.

EVENING SESSION

The ushers marched at 6:30 o'clock while singing *We Are Marching Up to Zion*, Sister Jumper sang *Where Could*

I Go But to the Lord. Next was a hymn, That Awful Day Will Surely Come. Rev. Warren read a portion of the 23rd chapter St. Luke, beginning at the 33rd verse for scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. Baseley. Rev. Warner sang Leaning On the Everlasting Arms. The meeting was turned over to the President. He declared the house open for business. First was the minutes of the afternoon session. They were read, received and adopted. Next was the literary program. It was enjoyed by all and responded to By Rev. Chestnut, Rev. Wiley, Rev. Siddle, Rev. King, Sister Jacob and Sister Wiley. It was now time for the sermon. Rev. Love, Rev. Chestnut, and Rev. Graves entered the rostrum. Rev. Love read a poem entitled God Speaks to Me. He sang a few verses of a hymn and announced his subject—You Got What It Takes to Make the Journey. Rev. Graves sang I'm So Glad I'm Here. Rev. Chestnut led in prayer. I'm Going Home On the Morning Train was sung by Sister Jacob. Next the offering—Brothers Royster, Wiley, and Lee came forth. Amount raised was \$25.30. Next were the announcements. Then the finance committee made their report. It was received and adopted. Bless Be the Tie That Binds was sung. Dismissed by Rev. Love.

SPECIAL MEETING—JULY 3, 1960

The Cedar Grove Ushers met on July 3rd at 3 o'clock p.m. at the Memorial Building. The meeting was opened with a spiritual devotion. Rev. E. A. Abbott read 4 verses of 15th chapter of St. John for scripture. Prayer was offered by Rev. Doe. Then a song was sung and some remarks were made. The president presented the speaker. Rev. McGhee came and made some remarks, took his text from the 6th chapter of Hebrews and 10th verse. Subject—Unity. From this he preached a wonderful sermon. Then the president asked the following Brothers to lift the offering: Brothers Smith, Noble, and Wiley—the amount realized was \$43.05. Donations from the churches were \$194.00, making a total of \$237.05 raised. This was for the purpose of purchasing a mikephone for the building. It was motioned that the president would present the mike to the association in August, the vice president, Sister Jumper, as alternate. Then a song and dismissed by Rev. McGhee.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:30-10:00—Devotion.
10:00-10:15—Welcome Address and Response.
11:15-12:00—Introducing Sermon.
10:15-10:45—Enrollment of Delegates.
10:45-11:15—Appointing of Committees.
12:00-12:15—Offering.
12:15-12:30—Introduction of Visitors.
12:30-12:45—Miscellaneous.
12:45—Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:45—Reassemble.
1:45- 2:00—Devotional Exercises.
2:00- 2:10—Reading and Approving Minutes.
2:10- 2:30—Talk on Duty of Ushers, and Feature on
First Aid.
2:30- 2:45—President's Address and Response.
2:45- 3:30—Sermon.
3:30- 3:45—Offering.
3:45- 4:00—Report of Treasurer and Auditor.
4:00- 4:20—Election of Officers.
4:20- 5:00—Report of all Committees, and Miscellaneous.
Adjourn.

FRIDAY EVENING

- 6:30- 7:00—Ushers March.
7:00- 7:15—Devotionals.
7:15- 7:30—Reading and Approving Minutes.
7:30- 8:30—Literary Programs.
8:30- 9:15—Mission Sermon.
9:15- 9:30—Offering and Benediction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION

We your Committee on Reception, wish to make the following report: That we find 3 churches seeking membership, namely Beulah, Shady Grove and New Mt. Zion churches, with payment of \$2.00 each.

Respectfully submitted
Bro. Preston Lee, Chairman
Sis. Maggie Moore
Sis. Pearl Abbott
Sis. Lizzie Murphy
Bro. Frank Luster

COMMITTEE ON SERMONS

We your Committee on Sermons wish to make the following report: Introduction Sermon, Rev. T. B. Wilson; Alternate, Rev. T. M. Scott. Temperance Sermon, Rev. W. M. Warner; alternate, Rev. Joe King. Mission Sermon, Rev. H. W. Gwynn; alternate, Rev. Harry Basley.

Your Committee
Bro. K. E. Mills, Chairman
Sis. Louveniu Hopkins
Sis. May Cross
Sis. Eulah Jacob
Sis. Martha Long
Sis. Annie B. Jeffers

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING MINUTES

We your Committee on Printing Minutes wish to make the following report: That three hundred minutes be printed the same size and print and that Brother Willie Boyd and Sister Abbott be in charge of the printing.

Your Committee
Sis. Bettie Abbott
Sis. Janie Clark
Sis. Millie McKiver
Sis. Pearl Tatten
Bro. Elmer Williamson
Sis. Chestine Jeffers
Sis. Cora Poteat

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

We your Committee on the President's Address recommend that it be printed in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted
Sis. Dete Williams
Sos. Ella Brand
Sis. Cora Simpson
Sis. Betty Jeffers
Sis. Lucy Hamilett

COMMITTEE ON SICK

We your Committee on the Sick wish to make the following report: Our sick members are Sister Isabella Long, Warner Chapel; Sister Pauline Jones, Burton's Chapel; Sister Nannie Brown, McClainsville.

Respectfully submitted
Sis. Katie Bowe
Bro. Frank Warner
Sis. Phebie Neal
Bro. Earl Terrell

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries wish to make the following report: After looking over the field we find that we haven't lost any members.

Your Committee
Sis. Lillie Anderson
Sis. Mildred Smith
Sis. Mammie Withers
Sis. Virginia Wagstaff
Sis. Jennie Gilreath

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that all officers be re-elected for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted
Bro. W. R. Boyd
Sis. Beauty Scott
Sis. Gracie Harris
Sis. Obie Blackwell
Sis. Mary S. Williams
Sis. Malinda Adams
Sis. Anna Swann

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

We your Committee on Appropriations wish to make the following report:

President	\$ 8.00
Vice President	6.00
Recording Secretary	7.00
Assistant Secretary	3.50
Corresponding Secretary	2.50
Postal Cards	1.00
Treasurer	2.00
Finance Committee	2.00 each
Ministers	6.00 each
Auditor	2.00
Board of Directors	2.00 each
Shaw University	15.00
Printing Committee	5.00
Kitchen expenses	26.43
Grand Total	<u>\$112.43</u>

Respectfully submitted
Sis. Gladys Tucker
Sis. Eligann Smith
Sis. Aphelia Price
Bro. Charlie Abbott
Sis. Exie Kirby
Sis. Beatrice Williamsons
Sis. Isabella Long

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Ushers' Convention met April 15, 1960 with the president presiding. After some discussion the following recommendations were made:

That each Usher Board would raise \$5.00 or more for the benefit of a mikiphone. Also recommended that this money be brought to the final service the 1st Sunday evening in July, 1960, at 3 o'clock at the Memorial Building. The speaker for this service will be Rev. H. G. McGhee.

Your Committee
The Board of Directors

TREASURER'S REPORT

I, K. E. Mills, wish to submit the following report as to the financial condition of the Ushers' Convention:

DISBURSEMENTS

Aug. 1959 for Delegates to the Association	\$ 11.00
Nov. 1959 for Printing Minutes	70.00

Total disbursements	\$ 81.00
Total now in treasury as of April 15, 1960	\$130.55

Respectfully submitted
Brother K. E. Mills

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Each church represented with	\$ 2.00
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Total	\$83.00
Usher Association No. 2	\$ 62.00
Usher Association No. 1	39.00

Total	\$101.00
Morning Offering	\$ 25.32
Afternoon Offering	19.26
Evening Offering	24.80

Total	\$ 69.38
Churches donated	\$ 30.35
From the Kitchen	20.68

Making a grand total	\$315.41
Expenses	\$112.43
Turned into Treasurer	\$203.38

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

"NO GREATER LOVE"

Madam Vice President, officers, delegates, members, and friends: I thank God for this great blessing and privilege to meet you in this our 4th Ushers' Convention. I have been more than happy to serve as your humble servant these few years. You sure have been wonderful to me. I have been wondering what to speak to you about this year, after much thought this came to me "NO GREATER LOVE." You are a group which represents persons interested in the upbuilding of God's Kingdom on earth. Your presence here shows me that you are a people deeply interested in ushering for it is through the usher board and its affiliated organizations that churches have progressed and christianity has been extended. It is my firm belief that whenever any institution progresses or rethogress it is because of love or lack of love. One must have great love for people in order to serve on the usher board. Primarily love is the essence of any motive that is good in anything.

Therefore love for God, for his teachings, and love for his works, there are many people today who are full of words and less work. Truly the love that Christ has for us was emphasized not merely in words but in deeds. This reminds me of a student that asked his teacher one afternoon, he said to her "Miss Teacher, do you love me?" She replied, "Yes, I do." In turn she asked him, "Do you love me?" He said yes, then the boy said "Miss Teacher, will you give an "A" on my report card?" The boy was not content with a yes of love but this tiny fellow knew that if a person loves someone he must show signs of it. There are many people today in the church and usher board who are always running off at the mouth of what they believe or what should be done but when it comes down to actions they cannot be found.

No Greater Love could be seen my friends than the

good Samaritan on the Jerico road. Of course we all know that story, that is how a neighbor can show his love in deeds rather than words. The usher board, if well attended will show to the world that we have a love for Christ by remembering the words written by that wise man: Solomon when he said, "Train a child in the way it should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." If you as parents will have greater love for God and his kingdom the usher board will not be poorly attended, because you will see to it that your members will attend. In studying the word of God we are told we must show love to our enemies regardless to the treatment received. From the Book of Proverbs we find these words: If thine enemy be hungry give him bread, to eat, and if he is thirsty give him water to drink. At no point did Jesus show his dislike for those who treated him unjustly for he maketh his sun to rise on the just and unjust, and he sends his rain on the evil and the good. For if we love only those who love us what reward do we get for that? I admired greatly the late Booker T. Washington when he said these words after enduring humiliations, "I will not let any man reduce my soul to the level of hatred. This shows at once that as Christians and children of God, love should be manifested and carried in our hearts day by day." Therefore let us strive for the advancement of the church in knowledge, wisdom and Christ like spirit. We must recognize that with love, comes responsibility. It is not enough for a man to love his wife but it must be shown as he relates himself to her day by day. Do we have the love we say we have for the church? Do we walk together in Christian love or true members in our church that we turn our heads when we see them. We must strive for the advancement of the church to promote its prosperity, and spirituality to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry. The expenses of the church, the welfare of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations, if we do these things plus seek the salvation of kindness and walk circumspectly in the world we show our love for the church. Love for the home can be shown as we religiously educate our children. Be just in our dealings with members of the home as well as abroad. It is in the home where the first symbols of love was shown these are the types of love Christ set his approval on. Now let us look at the love

Christ left as an example for his people. These ideas were set up by him, turning the other cheek, refusing to resist an injustice, surrendering coat and cloak, offering to bear a soldier's burden two miles when required to bear one, and greatest of all dying on the cross. In order that we may have a right to the tree of life. His love for his people was seen when they had come to crucify Him, He said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." In conclusion my dear friends this afternoon, for you and I to show the world over, love, it must be shown in our homes, among the presidents of the usher board, among the ministers and all workers for God, who said, except your righteousness exceed that of the scribes and pharisees you have no reward. This my friends brings to us that "Greater Love", has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. I urge upon you to practice that love. He prayeth best, who loveth best, all things both great and small for the dear God who loveth us, he made and loveth all. I ask God's richest blessings upon you always. Remember we must lift as we climb.

Your humble servant
E. B. Smith



CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

	Fee
Allens Chapel—Lizzie Woods	\$2.00
Blue Stone—Mrs. Pearl Abbott, Mrs. Mary Mills	2.00
Bold Spring—Mrs. Malanda Adams	2.00
Blackwell—Miss Mary Brown	2.00
Beulah—Mrs. Sally Lea, Mrs. Helen Lee	2.00
Groomes—Miss Elnora Roberts, Mrs. Mary Wilkerson	2.00
Gwy Chapel—Mrs. Dete Williamson, Mrs. Maggie Moore	2.00
Hammer—Mrs. Louise Long—Jeffers	2.00
Hycy Zion—Miss Mildred Smith	2.00
Mill Hill—Mrs. Beauty Scott, Mrs. Ella Brandon.....	2.00
Mineral Spring—Mrs. Pearl Tatton Mr. Herman Yancey	2.00

Old Mt. Zion—Mrs. Matheria Stewart	2.00
Morning Star—By Letter	2.00
Mt. Hermon—Mrs. Jennie Gilreath, Irine Burnett	2.00
Mt. Oliver—Miss Mattie Johnson, Mrs. Katie Elmore	2.00
Maple Grove—Mr. Leroy Wagstaff	2.00
McClainsville—Mrs. Lizzie Murphy, Mrs. Hopkins	2.00
New Ephesus—Mrs. Betty Mims, Mrs. Earlene Cobb	2.00
New Zion—Cora Poteat, Martha Long	2.00
High Street—By Letter	2.00
Oliver Grove—Mrs. Maggie Moore	2.00
Olive Hill—By Letter	2.00
Jeffers Cross—James Bigelow, Yvonna Shaw	2.00
Spring Grove—Mrs. Lillie Anderson, Mrs. J. P. Hurtford	2.00
Morgan Town—Mrs. Pauline Vincent, Mr. Thomas Miles	2.00
Ebenezer—Mrs. Lattie Stephens	2.00
Shady Grove—Ethel Carrington, Marriah Giggetts	2.00
St. James—Mrs. Anna Swann, Miss Maybelle Garrett	2.00
Red Hill—Mrs. Mamie Withers, Miss Obie Blackwell	2.00
Rocky Ridge	2.00
Sassafras Grove—By Letter	3.00
Shiloah—Miss Cora Simpson, Mrs. Lillian Stamps	2.00
Yanceyville—Sis. Mary Williamson, Sis. Katie Bowe	2.00
Sweet Gum—Miss Anne Biglow, Mrs. Christine Jeffers	2.00
Sunny Home—Mrs. Jennie Artis, Mrs. Elizabeth Broadnax	2.00
Warrens Chapel—Mrs. Eulah Jacob	2.00
Zion Level—Mrs. Lucy Homilett, Mrs. Millie McKiver	2.00
New Mt. Zion—Francis Rogers—Outlaw	2.00
Association No. 2—Mae F. Crowley, Maggie Johnson	5.00
Association No. 1—Miss Dorothy Williams, Mrs. Janie Clark	5.00
Smith Chapel	
Burton Chapel	

STATISTICAL SHEET

	Members	Officers	New Members	Deaths
Olive Hill	8	4	0	0
High Street	7	5	0	0
Jeffers Cross	20		0	0
Ebenezer	17	5	1	0
Old Mt. Zion	15	5	5	0
Shady Grove	11	4	0	0
Burtons Chapel	10	0	0	0
New Ephesus	13	5	0	0
Gwyens Chapel	10	4	4	0
Mt. Hermon	19	5	4	0
Morning Star	10	4	0	0
Maple Grove	13	4	1	0
Hyco Zion	6	4	0	0
Mineral Spring	6	4	0	0
Bald Spring	20	5	10	0
Blue Stone	16	5	4	0
Beulah	12	5	0	0
Grooms	10	4	3	0
Hammer	9			
Mill Hill	16	5	1	0
Spring Grove	5	3	0	0
Olive Grove	5	3	0	0
Morgantown	9	4	0	0
St. James	9	5	0	0
Shiloh	10	5	0	0
Yanceyville	14	6	1	0
Warren's Chapel	16	5	0	0
Zion Level	8	4	1	0
Blackwell	12	5	1	0
Sunny Home	10	5	1	0
Sweet Gum	37	8	7	0
Rocky Ridge	8	0	0	0
Sassafras Grove				
Red Hill	17	6	5	0
Mt. Olive	12	0	0	0
Cedar Grove				
Ushers' Assn.	160	5	0	0
Smith Chapel				
Allen Chapel				
McCleansville				
New Zion				
New Mt. Zion				

CHURCHES THAT SENT MONEY FOR THE MIKE

Beulah	\$ 5.00
Mill Hill	10.00
Groones	5.00
Bald Spring	5.00
Shady Grove	5.00
McCleansville	5.00
Jeffers Cross	5.00
Blue Stone	5.00
Sunny Home	5.00
Warrens Chapel	6.00
Morgan Town	5.00
Rocky Ridge	5.00
Blackwell	5.00
Yanceyville	5.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
Sweet Gum	5.00
Gwynn Chapel	5.00
Ushers Association No. 2	10.00
New Ephesus	10.00
Mineral Spring	5.00
Olive Hill	5.00
St. James	13.00
Ushers Association No. 1	15.00
Hyco Zion	5.00
Mt. Hermon	5.00
Spring Grove	5.00
Red Hill	5.00
Zion Level	5.00
Morning Star	5.00
Burton's Chapel	5.00
Allen's Chapel	5.00
Mt. Olive	5.00
Ebernezer	5.00

CONSTITUTION OF THE CEDAR GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST USHERS CONVENTION

Article I. This convention shall be called the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Ushers Convention.

Article II. The objective shall be to reach the unreached, bringing about a unified program in co-operation with all ushers in the Cedar Grove Association, extending a hand to our own Memorial Building and help wherever needed.

Article III. This convention shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in the Cedar Grove Association, entitled to send two delegates. Also ministers who shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying delegate's name, president of board name, number of ushers, name of church, name of secretary, address of secretary, number of deaths, Res., fee, and membership.

Article IV. The officers of this convention shall be president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, corresponding secretary, auditor and nine board of directors, members. The same to be nominated by a committee and elected by the body annually.

Article V. That no person can hold office in this convention unless he is a member of some usher board in good standing and attend his meetings regular.

Article VI. Each usher board shall be represented in the convention annually with \$2.00 res. fee. Usher board association one and two \$5.00. Each Good Friday shall be the meeting date, at the Memorial Building. As long as the convention sees fit.

Article VII. The president shall preside at the meeting of the convention, state and put all questions and an-

nounce the votes of the body. The secretary shall record the proceedings of the convention, prepare the printing of the minutes and distribute them among the various usher boards.

Article VIII. The convention shall have power to advise and aid the officers of the usher boards in the accomplishments of the objective specified in Article II.

Article IX. Any Baptist church by sending two delegates to the annual meeting of the body may be admitted into the convention by appearing before the committee on reception and being properly vouched for by the committee.

Article X. Any usher board wishing to withdraw shall do so by making a written request and by mis-representing two terms in succession until said dues are paid.

Article XI. That the usher convention be represented in the association with \$5.00.

Article XII. The decency of speech must be maintained and personal reflection avoided.

Article XIII. That each usher turn out in usher uniform or badge before he is recognized by the convention.

Article XIC. All money raised by the convention shall be used as convention sees best.

Article XV. That the mission sermon, offering be appreciated to help sick ushers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Preston Lee
Mrs. Lula Mae Wiley
Mr. Amos Woods
Mr. James Jones
Mr. Willie Boyd

Mr. Earl Terrell
Mr. Hubert Lee
Mr. John A. Wagstaff
Mrs. Esther Lee
Mr. E. B. Smith

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